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FOLLOWING RECEIVED AS DANANG 106 DATED 27 AUG 67 REPEATED YOU:
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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES VISIT DANANG

1. CANDIDATES MINUS THIEU-KY, SUU, HUONG AND BINH ARRIVED IN DANANG AFTER 1400 HOURS. WERE MET BY DEP ADMIN FOR REGION I NGSYEN-VAN-DAI AND PARTY. CANDIDATES ARRIVED AT CITY HALL AND

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BZLAN MAKING SPEECHEDS A LITTLE AFTER 1500 HOURS STARTING TIME. JUST PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF CANDIDATES, DANANG MAYOR LT COL LE-CHI-CUONG REMINDED CROWD THAT THIS WAS THIRD TIME SUCH A RALLY HAD BEEN ORGANIZED IN DANANG. RALLY BEGAN UNDER CLEAR,

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SUNNY SKIES. CROWD CONTINUED TO GROW VISIBLY DURING FIRST TWO SPEECHES FINALLY REACHING SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 7 AND 8,000 PEOPLE. ONE SPEAKER NOTED CROWD SIZE IN SPEECH.

2. FIRST TO SPEAK WAS PHAN-QUANG-DAN REPRESENTING HIMSELF AND SUU. DAN APOLOGIZED FOR SUU'S ABSENCE STATING HE HAD TO BE IN SAIGON AUG 28 FOR IMPORTANT CA MEETING. DAN GENERALLY WELL RECEIVED. MADE NO DIRECT ATTACKS ON PRESENT GOVERNMENT AND STATED SLATES AIMS TO END WAR AND BRING BACK PEACE, FIGHT CORRUPTION AND STABILIZE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND CURTURAL SITUATION. POINTED OUT EXAMPLE OF GEN NGUYEN HUU CO WHO WAS CORRUPT BUT NOT PUNISHED. CO ALLOWED TO GO ABROAD AND ONLY FEW SMALL TIME EMBEZZLERS PUNISHED. AT THIS POINT DAN INTERRUPTED BY APPLAUSE. DURING QUESTION PERIOD DAN ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING SUU RECEIVING SALARY AS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEPUTY WHILE IN JAIL AND ALSO

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ABOUT ALLEGED SHADY DEALS BY MRS. SUU. DAN LARGELY IGNORED SPECIFIC QUESTIONS, BUT MAINTAINED THAT SUU WAS POOR MAN AND ONE ONLY HAD TO VISIT SUU'S HOME IN SAIGON TO TELL. AT END OF SPEECH DAN RECEIVED FAIR ROUND OF APPLAUSE.

3. SECOND SPEAKER WAS VU-HONG-KHANH WHO POINTED OUT HIS REVOLUTIONARY BACKGROUND IN FIGHT ALONG SIDE NGUYEN-THAI-HOC IS WAR AGAINT FRENCH AND VC(SIC). IF ELECTED HE WOULD WORK TO BRING BACK PEACE AND STABILIZE PRESENT MISERABLE SITUATION. BEFORE KHANH WAS FINISHED SPEAKING HE WAS INTERRUPTED BY MEMBERS IN CROWD DEMANDING TO ADK QUESTIONS. AT FIRST KHANH TRIED TO IGNORE DEMAND AND RUNNING-MATE DUONG-TRUNG-DONG WAS VISIBLY ANGRY. FINALLY DUE TO NOISE FROM AUDIENCE KHANH AGREED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. QUESTIONED FROM AUDIENCE WHY, WHEN HE CLAIMED TO FIGHT AGAINST FRENCH, DID HE ACCEPT POSITION AS MINISTER OF YOUTH IN FRENCH CONTROLLED NGUYEN-VAN-TAM GOVERNMENT. KHANH ANSWERED HAD TO FIGHT USING ALL MEANS AVAILABLE-SOMETIMES WITH ARMS, SOMETIMES WITH POLITICS AND SOMETIMES BY DIPLOMACY. FURTHERMORE, HE HAD HOPED TO BEIN POSITION TO CONTROL YOUTH AND



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DIRECT THEIR ACTIVITIES INTO REVOLUTIONARY FIELDS. AMID MUCH CROWD NOISE KHANH THEN ASKED WHAT DIPLOMATIC POLICY HE HAD FOLLOWED, TO WHICH HE REPLIED IT WAS NECESSARY TO BE VERY SHREWD. HAD TO GO INTO EXILE TO BE ACTIVE DIPLOMATICALLY. REGIONAL POLICE DIRECTOR VO LUONG COMMENTED THAT QUESTIONS AND NOISE GENERATED BY KY BO VNQDD MEMBERS HOSTILE TO KHANH. KHANH'S TIME ENDED WITH ONLY SCATTERED APPLAUSE.

4. MAI-THO-TRUYEN THEN SPOKE REPRESENTING HIMSELF AND TRAN-VAN-HUONG. APOLOGIZED FOR HUONG'S ABSENCE SAYING HE HAD CAMPAIGN COMMITMENTS IN DELTA. CONCERNING PROGRAM, TRUYEN SPOKE ABOUT RESTORING PEACE AND ENDING WAR. WHEN TRUYEN CALLED FOR QUESTIONS FIRST QUESTIONER STATED THAT HUONG WHILE PRIME MINISTER HAD OPPRESSED BUDDHISTS, NOW IN RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT DID HE WANT TO DUPE THE PEOPLE? (CROWD APPLAUDED) AND YOU MR. TRUYEN, AFTER UBA ESTABLISHED YOU REFUSED TO TAKE PART AND PROTESTED AGAINST OLD CHARTER - NOW YOU PROTEST NEW CHARTER. WHAT IS YOUR POLICY? AMID GREAT DEAL OF CROWD NOISE LOCAL CAMPAIGN REPRESENTATIVE FOR HUONG CAME TO MICROPHONE AND ASKED

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CROWD TO BE QUIET. TRUYEN ANSWERED THAT HE WAS IN DANANG AS CANDIDATE FOR VICE-PRESIDENT NOT AS REPRESENTATIVE FOR ANY BUDDHIST GROUP AND THEREFORE WOULD NOT ANSWER QUESTION. HE WAS APPLAUDED FOR ANSWER. TIME RAN OUT AND TRUYEN GIVEN FAIR APPLAUSE.

5. NGUYEN-THE-TRUYEN REPRESENTED LIST OF NGUYEN-HOA-HIEP. TRUZEN DISCUSSED FACT THAT MORE THAN 20 YEARS OF WAR HAD LEFT ECONOMY DEPRESSED AND SOCIETY AND CULTURE DEGENERATING. CROWD RESPONDED TO TRUYEN'S COMICAL MANNER OF DELIVERY AND GENERALLY GOT GOOD LAUGH. DURING QUESTION PERIOD HE WAS QUERIED IF HE WOULD TAKE MONEY FROM GOERNMENT TO REPLACE CAMPAIGN MONEY SO AS TO BUILD SEVERAL HOUSES. AMID MUCH NOISE AND LAUGHTER TRUYEN CLAIMED NOT TO BE ABLE TO HEAR QUESTION WHICH GENERATED MORE LAUGHTER. AS THIME RAN OUT TRUYEN LEFT PODIUM CHANTING "VOTE FOR ME" "VOTE FOR ME".

6. NEXT TO SPEAK WAS PHAM-NGOC-VINH A LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OF



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THIEU-KY TICKET O BY THEN QUIET AUDIENCE VINH POINTED
TO IMPROVEMENTS O PREVIOUS YEARS MADE BY THIEU-KY GOVERN-

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MENT IN FOLLOWING THREE POINT MILITARY, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRAM TO END WAR AND DEVELOP DEMOCRACY. VINH WAS ASKED WHY THIEU-KY WERE WAITING UNTIL ELECTED TO SOLVE PROBLEM WHEN HELD POWER ALREADY. VINH ANSWERED THAT MUCH HAD BEEN DONE TO STABILIZE SITUATION ALREADY. IT WAS STATED THAT PREVIOUS YEAR GOVERNMENT HAD OPPRESSED BUDDHISTS. "IS THAT THE POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE POOR PEOPLE." CROWD NOISE MADE IT IM-POSSIBLE TO HEAR REPLY. LAST QUESTION WAW WHY THIEU APPROVED NEW UBA CHARTER. ANSWER GIVEN WAS BECAUSE THIEU RESPECTS FREEDOM OF OTHERS. VINH'S TIME RAN OUT AND HE LEFT PODIUM WITH NO APPLAUSE.

7. NEXT TO SPEAK WAS TRAN-VAN-LY WHO APPEARED WITH RUNNING-MATE. LY CLAIMED HE WAS RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT OWEING NOTHING TO ANY GROUP OR LARTY. EMPHASIZED NEED FOR LAND REFORM AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT POINTING UP VIETNAMS NEED TO IMPORT RICE. AS WITH SEVERAL CANDIDATES LY TALKED ABOUT IMPROVING MILITARY AND DRAFT SYSTEM. DURING QUESTION PERIOD LY CLAIMED HE WOULD IMPROVE MILITARY BY ELIMINATING INJUSTICES IN

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PROMOTION SYSTEM AND DRAFT SYSTEM. HE ALSO STATED HE WOULD PICK TALENTED GENERALS, EVEN FROM AMONG THOSE WHO HAD BEEN RETIRED, TO AID IN IMPROVING MILITARY. LY FINISHED SPEECH AND LEFT PODIUM RECEIVING NO APPLAUSE.

8. LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OF HOANG-CO-BINH CAME TO PODIUM AND STATED BINH HAD NOT COME BECAUSE HE HAD ALREADY CAMPAIGNED IN DANANG AND MET LOCAL PEOPLE. REPRESENTATIVE THEN CONTINUED TO USE UP TIME BY REITERATING POINTS FROM BINH PROPAGANDA LEAFLET. FINALLY REPRESENTATIVE LEFT PODIUM RECEIVING NEITHER QUESTIONS

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NOR APPLAUSE.

9. NEXT TO SPEAK WAS HA-THUC-KY WHO WAS GREETED WITH SOME APPLAUSE. HE BEGAN SPEECH BY REFERING TO AUG 26-27 SHELLINGS AND ATTACKS IN HUE, HOI AN, AND DIEN BAN, KY CLAIMED HEAVY

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LOSSES SUFFERED BY ENGINEER OUTFIT IN QUANG NAM INCLUDING DEATH OF CO MAJOR MINH. THEN KY REFERRED TO LIST 9 REPRESENTATIVES COMMENT ABOUT THIEU-KY MILITARY PROGRAM AND ASKED IF SUCH WAS MILITARY PROGRAM. FOLLOWING CONSIDERABLE APPLAUSE FROM AUDIENCE HE STATED THAT KY HAVING TROUBLE BECAUSE GOVERNMENT LACKS POPULAR SUPPORT AND CHIWENS DONOT GIVE INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION. KY INTERRUPTED BY MILITARY QUESTIONER WHO ASKED IF HE WAS

ONE WHO RELEASED VC, ONE WHO CONDUCTED VC PROPAGANDA. KY CLAIMED HIS POSITION REGARDING VC AND COLONIALISM VERY CLEAR AND NO ONE COULD DENY IT. CONCERNING ACCUSATION OF RELEASING VC, VOTER WAS PROBABLY REFERRING TO HIS RELEASE OF SOME SUSPECTED VC AND POLITICAL PRISONERS WHILE MININT UNDER NGUYE-KHANH. KY CLAIMED RELEASE HAD BEEN MADE ON COURT ORDER OR IN CASES WHERE PEOPLE HAD BEEN ARRESTED WITHOUT BEING

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CHARGED AND THAT ANY OTHER ACTION WOULD HAVE BEEN OPPRESSION. ASKED ABOUT RECEIVINGKICK-BACK FOR RELEASE OF CHINESE TA TUYEN, KY STATED THAT TUYEN HAD BEEN RELEASED IN 1965 AFTER HE RESIGNED. THEN AGAIN REFERRING TO COMMENTS BY THIEU'S REPRESENTATIVE KY SAID GRV HAD APPROVED NEW UBA CHARTERS CAUSING

DISPLEASURE AMONG BUDDHISTS -"IS THAT POLITICAL POLICY OF GVN"(APPLAUSE). GOVERNEMENT INCREASED SALARY OF SOLDIERS AND CIVIL SERVANTS A LITTLE BUT COST-OF-LIVING INCREASED A LOT "IS THAT ECONOMIC POLICY OF GVN." (APPLAUSE) GOVERNMENT CAUSES DIVISION AMONG MILITARY, MASSES, AND RELIGIONS "IS THAT POLICY OF GVN." IN CONCLUSION KY SAID VOTERS HAD TO BE CAREFUL IN SELECTION OF NEWPRESIDENT AND LEFT PODIUM RECEIVING GREATEST APPLAUSE OF DAY.

10. NEXT TO SPEAK WAS TRUONG-DINH-DZU WHO RECEIVED WARM RESPONSE FROM CROWD WHEN INTRODUCED. DZU STARTED REFERRING TO PM KY'S RECENT COMMENTS ABOUT HIM ON TV. DZU CLAIMED THAT WHEN ASKED BY NEWSMAN WHY HE HAD NOT RESIGNED AS PRIME MINISTER AS REQUIRED BY CONSITUTION. KY STATED "WHAT IN HELL IS THE

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CONSTITUTION?" DZU CONTINUED HIS PERSONAL DENUNCIATION OF KY

WHICH WAS WELL RECEIVED BY AUDIENCE. AFTER ANSWERING SEVERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT HIS PERSONAL ACTIVITIES REGARDING DIEM REGIME HIS TIME RAN OUT AND HE LEFT PODIUM TO GOOD ROUND OF APPLAUSE FROM AUDIENCE WHICH ENJOYED HIS PERFORMANCE.

11. NEXT TO COME WERE LY-QUOC-SINH REPRESENTING PHAN-HUY-CO AND THEN NGUYEN-DINH-QUAT WHO SPOKE TO FAST DISAPPEARING AUDIENCE HASTENED BY BEGINNING OF THUNDER SHOWER. SOME PEOPLE STAYED TO HEAR SING CLAIM WAR MUST BE WON AND ALTHOUGH NOT ADVOCATIONG INVASION OF NORTH WOULD DO SO IF NECESSARY WITH VIETNAMESE TROOPS ONLY. AS MORE PEOPLE BEGAN LEAVING SINH ASKED THEM TO STAY AND LISTEN ONLY TO BE INFORMED HIS TIME WAS OVER. AS QUAT APPROACHED PODIUM HE ALSO ASKED PEOPLE TO STAY AND LISTEN EXCLAIMING THERE'S NO ONE LEFT TO TALK TO. A FEW HANGERS ON HUDDLING UNDER TREES AND BANNERS TO KEEP DRY YELLED FOR HIM TO GO ON WHICH HE DID FOR FULL, WET FIFTEEN MINUTES, MOSTLY RECALLING HIS CAMPAIGN AGAINST DIEM.

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12. RALLY WAS WELL ATTENDED AND APPARENTLY WELL RCEIVED. HA-THUC-KY RECEIVED GREATEST AUDIENCE RESPONSE HOWEVER, ABSENCE OF SUU, HUONG, AND THIEU UNDOUBTABLY CONTRIBUTED TO THEIR LISTS CROWD RESPONSE. DZU HAS OBVIOUSLY BECOME A REAL CROWD PLEASER AND AUDIENCE LOCKS FORWARD TO HIS LATEST BARBS.

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